punctuality of Mail–Express trains improved to 88.8% during 1995-96 (April '95 to Jan. '96) as against 87.1% during the corresponding period of the previous year. A list of Mail/Express trains which lost punctuality often between April '95 to Jan. '96 is enclosed. (*see* below).

(d) Intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels, including holding of daily punctuality meetings both at Divisional and Headquarters level and Foot-Plate Inspection by Senior Officers of different Departments are undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers level are also launched and lacunae in the system whenever detected are dealt with.

Statement

Trains

1. 2625 Kerala Express
2. 1077 Jhelum Express
3. 2621 Tamil Nadu Express
4. 2617 Mangla Express
5. 8237 Chhatisgarh Express
6. 8301/8302 Hirakud Express
7. 8477/8478 Utkal Kalinga Express
8. 8475 Neelachal Express
9. 4055 Brahmaputra Mail
10. 5621/5622 N.E. Express
11. 2381 Poorva Express
12. 4667 Malwa Express
13. 2801 Purushottam Express
14. 2841/2842 Coromandal Express
15. 8233/8234 Narmada Express
16. 3004 Bombay V.T. Howrah Mail
17. 5609 Avadh-Assam Express
18. 6636 Netravati Express
19. 8001 Bombay VT-Howrah Mail
20. 1019 Konark Express
21. 3111/3112 Delhi-Sealdah Express
22. 1013 Kurla-Bangalore Express
23. 2479/2480 Goa Express
24. 8689/8690 Bokaro Steel City—Alleppey Express
25. 2553/2554 Vaishali Express

Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

717. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Bank for Agricultural and Rural Development has sanctioned a total loan assistance of Rs. 185.77 crore to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the completion of some minor and medium irrigation projects in the state; and

(b) If so, the details thereof and by when these projects will be taken up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 206.93 crores to Government of Andhra Pradesh in the year 1995-96.

(b) The amount sanctioned is for completion of two supplementation schemes (Nizam Sagar Canals), ten medium, forty eight minor and fourteen lift irrigation schemes, which could be received as loan assistance from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and an amount of Rs. 84.50 crore will be borne by the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The financing has been made with retrospective effect from 01-04-1995. The identified projects are at various stages of contruction and are programmed for completion by March, 1997.

Payment of Arrears of KV Teachers

718. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has failed to pay arrears of pay and allowances of some post graduate teachers who had been

removed from service in 1985 and reinstated in 1987 following a Delhi High Court order dated 30th March, 1987;

(b) if so, what are details thereof; and

(c) by when the arrears will be paid to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has informed that sanction for payment of arrears has been issued.

Confrontation Between Officers of KVS

719. SHRI RAGHAVJI:
SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH:
SHRI GOVIND RAM MIRI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that two top officers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan are at present at logger-heads;

(b) if so, what is the detailed basis for this confrontation;

(c) whether any action has since been taken/initiated against the erring ones; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) Stresses and strains in inter-personal relationships do arise from time to time in any large organisation like the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan. Steps are always taken to ensure that the smooth functioning of the organisation does not get affected.

Fake Engineering Colleges

720. SHRI K.M. KHAN:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of fake Engineering Colleges are operating in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any action against those fake Colleges; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), is a Statutory Body established under the AICTE Act, 1987 for coordinated development of technical education in the country. No new engineering college can be started without the approval of AICTE in accordance with its Regulations. No information is available regarding any fake engineering college in the country. As such, the question of taking any action by the Government does not arise.

High Court Bench at Trivandrum

721. SHRI THENNALA BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal for a Bench of High Court of Kerala in Trivendrum; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No complete proposed has been received from the Government of Kerala, in consultation with the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court, for establishing a Bench of the High Court at Trivandrum.